

on one thing—supporting the research efforts that may find a cure for their son and others like him. As we make decisions that have the power to spark or extinguish the hopes of millions that the cures they pray for may be found, we should keep the Benigno's in mind.

One point is very clear—this new law and the hope it nurtures are a credit to Mr. Benigno's dedication, courage, and perseverance. He is an inspiration to all of us, and a testament to what one determined citizen can achieve in our democracy.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM B. SCHATZ

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Mr. William B. Schatz, General Counsel of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, NEORS, in Cleveland, OH. Mr. Schatz currently serves as the District's representative to the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA, and on May 24, 2004, will become president of this organization. Mr. Schatz was elected AMSA president based on his exemplary commitment and dedication to the clean water community in Ohio and throughout our Nation.

AMSA's mission is to effectively maintain a strong leadership role in the development and implementation of scientifically sound, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly policies for the protection of public health and the environment. This month, AMSA celebrates 34 years of dedicated service to improving water quality nationwide.

Mr. Schatz has served with distinction at NEORS since 1979 and for over 20 years has been a leader in the water quality arena, working on many projects on behalf of NEORS and AMSA. He has served as the ad hoc legal advisor to the Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Agencies, a member of the Advisory Board of the National Enforcement Training Institute, and a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Quality Review Committee on Grant Audits. At AMSA, Mr. Schatz has served as chairman of both the Legal Affairs Committee and Joint AMSA-Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies Insurance Committee, a leader of the Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Task Force, and as a member of AMSA's Board of Directors.

Mr. Schatz was instrumental in establishing NEORS as a leading agency in the wastewater industry and in helping to guide its capital programs. Mr. Schatz was also an influential leader in convincing Congress to fund the conversion of NEORS's physical chemical Western Plant in Cleveland, Ohio, to a conventional biological process. Throughout his career, Mr. Schatz has played an important role in helping to shape critical national policy issues on infrastructure funding, enforcement, and construction grant audit appeals.

Mr. Schatz has been of great assistance to me in my efforts in the United States Senate to bring attention to our Nation's vital water infrastructure needs. He is a well-known leader and someone who, day in and day out, goes above and beyond the call of duty. William B. Schatz has made a significant contribution to improving water infrastructure programs across America.

On behalf of the people of Ohio, I am pleased to commend William B. Schatz for his extraordinary efforts to improve public health and the environment and I congratulate him on being elected president of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies.●

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL AND ITS AWARD-WINNING MUSIC PROGRAM

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the staff and students of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the school's designation as a 2004 GRAMMY Signature School. Pioneer is one of 41 high schools nationwide being honored by the GRAMMY Foundation for making an outstanding commitment to music education during the 2003-2004 school year. I am also pleased to note that Pioneer's program was placed in the gold category, making it among the seven best in the Nation.

Established in 1989, the GRAMMY Foundation engages in programs and activities that cultivate the understanding and appreciation of recorded music and its impact on American culture. The GRAMMY Signature School program, with the most enthusiastic support of Dr. Pepper/7 Up, Inc., honors schools that recognize the positive effects that the arts and music have on young people and rewards these schools with a financial grant that assists them in continuing their exemplary music programs into the following school year.

Last fall, the foundation contacted more than 20,000 public high schools to learn more about each school's music program. Competing with large and small institutions situated in rural and urban communities across America, Pioneer High School submitted its application to a panel comprised of top music educators and professionals. Its vocal and instrumental repertoire distinguished Pioneer as a secondary school committed to providing its students with an exceptional music education. As one of the gold category schools, Pioneer will receive a grant of \$5,000 that will help the music department preserve and enhance its already remarkable music program.

Providing an excellent music education for students enriches the entire learning experience. It is my honor to thank the staff and administrators at Pioneer who are responsible for supporting a solid foundation of music appreciation. I also wish to thank the young musicians who willingly dedicate their time and energy toward enhancing their own music abilities and

urge them to share their love of music with the following generations. I am confident my colleagues will join me in offering our heartfelt congratulations for this outstanding achievement.●

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S TRUDEAU MEDAL WINNER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Dr. Philip C. Hopewell, MD. The American Lung Association has awarded Hopewell the Edward Livingston Trudeau Medal for his life-long achievements in the prevention, research treatment and cure of lung-related diseases. The Trudeau Medal is awarded by the American Lung Association in honor of the distinguished scientist, Edward Livingston Trudeau, founder of the American Lung Association and its first president.

Dr. Hopewell is a world-renowned expert in tuberculosis control. He has literally traveled the globe offering technical advice and hands on practical guidance to tuberculosis control programs in developing nations. Dr. Hopewell has seen extended service in Peru and Nigeria and has worked with the PanAmerican Health Organization and the World Health Organization to advance TB control efforts around the world.

While Dr. Hopewell's work has been a boon to many countries, he has also worked hard to protect the health of Americans. As a leading researcher on the interaction between TB and HIV-AIDS infection, Dr. Hopewell and his colleagues at UCSF are credited with for the dramatic 60 percent reduction in TB cases in San Francisco in the past decade.

Dr. Hopewell is a teacher, a scientist and a healer. But he is also an advocate. Dr. Hopewell is equally at home sharing his expertise with members of Congress, as he is with health-workers in Peru. In part because of his advocacy, the U.S. has significantly increased its commitment to global TB control over the past 5 years.

I am pleased to say that I have played a role in supporting the work of Dr. Hopewell and his colleagues around the globe to identify, treat and prevent TB. As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I have worked to increase the U.S. contribution for global TB control by supporting increased funding for TB programs at the US Agency for International Development. Increased support at USAID has led to the development of a country specific plan to eliminate TB in high burden countries and is achieving results in many high burden TB countries.

While we still have a long way to go to effectively control and prevent TB in the U.S. and around the globe, it is important to recognize and celebrate those individuals who have helped achieve the advances we have made so far. Please join me in honoring Dr. Hopewell for his leadership, passion and tireless work to eliminate tuberculosis.●